

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGADISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). References about various road and bridge schemes for Uttar Pradesh pending with the Government are mentioned below along with their position:

- (i) Proposal for conversion of four State Roads into National highways. This proposal can be considered only after the finalisation of the 8th Plan.
- (ii) 43 schemes proposed to be financed against the augmented Central Road Fund. These would be processed after actual augmentation of the Central Road fund, which has not yet taken place.
- (iii) 19 estimates for works on National highways. Subject to availability of funds and provision in the Plan, these would be taken up after current year's Budget is approved.

Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Uttar Pradesh.

7136. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new branches of the nationalised banks in the rural and backward areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the name of the places where they are proposed to be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The growth of new bank branches under the extant licensing Policy

will depend on well established need, business potential and financial viability of the proposed branches. Moreover, the opening of branches under the extant licensing policy is a continuous process, which will be governed by licences issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in this regard. Hence, at this stage it is not possible to project the number of branches of banks that will be opened in the rural and backward areas of Uttar Pradesh.

[English]

World Bank Assistance to Boost Silk Production in Karnataka

7137. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of World Bank assistance obtained for boosting the production of silk in Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to obtain more assistance from the World bank to boost the production of silk in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c). For boosting the production of silk in the country (including Karnataka) a World bank/Swiss assisted National Sericulture Project (N.S.P.) is being implemented by the Central Silk Board (C.S.B.) in collaboration with States (including Karnataka) for a project period of 5 year commencing from 1989-90.

The total provision including Central Silk Board investment in Karnataka for 3 years from 1989-90 to 1991-92 is Rs. 9083.56 lakhs. The investment envisaged for the